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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-10, and 13-14 have been amended, and a new claim 15 has been added to this application. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are now presented for the examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Oyaqi, U.S. Patent No. 6,292,232 ("Oyaqi"). Claims 5-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in light of Oyagi. The applicants submit that claims 1-15 are patentably distinguished from Oyagi for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 1 recites, in part, an antenna having "a high-frequency, fixed-gain amplifier for amplifying a reception signal received by the antenna." The high frequency amplifier (5), as described in the Oyagi reference, is a variable gain amplifier. See Oyagi, Fig. 1. It is respectfully submitted that Oyagi does not disclose an antenna having a high-frequency, fixed-gain amplifier as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from the Oyagi reference.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 5 is distinguishable from Oyagi.

Claims 2, 6-9, and 15 are dependent from one of the amended independent claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, it respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2, 6-9, and 15 are distinguishable from Oyagi for at least the reasons previously described.

Amended independent claim 3 recites, in part, a receiver having "a control circuit for controlling a magnitude of the operating voltage, wherein the magnitude of the operating voltage Application No.: 09/921,421 Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-813

can have no more than two discrete values." It is respectfully submitted that Oyagi does not disclose a receiver wherein the operating voltage can have no more than two discrete values as recited in claim 3.

Specifically, the operating voltage of Oyagi, E_{AGC} , continuously variable voltage. As seen in col. 3 lines 57-59, Oyagi discloses a voltage adding circuit (21) that "is supplied with a DC voltage having a value which differs depending upon a reception frequency band set by the channel setting circuit (14), and then supplies an AGC voltage."

Having failed to disclose a receiver with no more than two discrete values, it is respectfully that Oyagi is distinguishable from claim 3.

For reasons similar to those previously described with regard to claim 3, it is also respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 10 is distinguishable from Oyagi.

Claims 4 and 11-14 are dependent from one of the amended Accordingly, it independent claims 3 and 10. is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 4 and 11-14 are distinguishable from Oyagi for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in Official Action have been fully met, favorable the reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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